IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Receptors and Uses Therefor

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 14, line 7, before "Preferably", please insert the following text:

--Additional exemplary high stringency conditions include hybridization at about 42°C and about 50% formamide, a first wash at about 65°C, in about 2 X SSC and 1% SDS, followed by a second wash at about 65°C in about 1 X SSC and 0.1% SDS. Lower stringency conditions for detecting RAC3 genes having about 85% sequence identity to the RAC3 genes described herein include, for example, hybridization at about 42°C in the absence of formamide, a first wash at about 42°C, in about 6 X SSC and about 1% SDS, and a second wash at about 50°C, in about 6 X SSC and about 1% SDS.--